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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company - Request for "Like Facility" Determination Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-110(1) Docket No. 2012-222-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10 (B) (Supp. 2011), the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications or proceedings before the Public Service Commission ("Commission") unless or until it chooses not to participate. By this letter, ORS reserves its right to conduct discovery and reserves its right to a hearing in the above referenced matter. S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-320 provides that upon a thirty (30) day notice, all parties to a contested case must be afforded the right to a hearing.

ORS is charged with representing the public interest of South Carolina before the Commission and as such is reviewing the issues raised by this filing and will advise the Commission upon completion of its review.

Sincerely,

1. Nelson

cc: Matthew W. Gissendanner, Esquire Joseph Melcher, Esquire